

BRIEFLY TOLD

Red snow is an added attraction to the wonders of Rocky Mountain Park in Colorado. Countless billions of tiny organisms that reproduce in the cold environment are responsible, according to government experts. The coloration is more intensive a quarter of an inch below the surface and streaks often red as blood have a sweetish taste. Scientists believe that the spores may have been brought down from the Arctic by the Chinook winds.

Canadian hemp, grown in the western provinces, has been successfully manufactured into practically anything from the coarsest rope to the finest linen. The hemp tested was grown at the Manitoba Agricultural College and it had laid under the snow all winter.

College courses on transportation are suggested by a prominent railroad operating official, who believes that the colleges might well turn their attention to the development of courses in rail-roading, treating it as a scientific study compared to medicine, engineering and law.

Diamond mine owners in the interior of Congo are planning airplane service 500 miles distant to reach a point which by existing water transport requires a month.

Honey bees guarding their honey, which a wind had scattered from a hollow tree across a road near Lexington, Kentucky, refused to abandon their property, and hovered in great numbers over the scene. All traffic was detoured until the honey was cleaned up by the bees.

Tarring and feathering were made legal penalties by Richard I, who ordained that "a robber who shall be convicted of theft shall have his head cropped and boiling pitch shall be poured thereon, and the feathers of a pillow shall be shaken out on him, so that he may be known, and at the first land at which the ship shall touch he shall be set on shore."

Steam shovels will begin demolishing the Cahokia Mounds near East St. Louis soon unless the state or some historical society purchases them. These relics are the last evidence of prehistoric Indian culture of the United States. There are 64 in number, the largest covering 16 acres.

A wireless-controlled automobile made several successful trips in tests at McCook Field.

Caruso's lungs were so powerful that when a concert grand piano was pressed against his chest he moved it several inches by the expansion of his lungs.

The spreading of culture through the medium of personal contact rather than classroom work is the latest venture in education. The University of Michigan has obtained the services of a prominent poet to perform this service. If the experiment succeeds it will be repeated next year, a painter or sculptor being chosen.

Prohibition Creek is the name given to a tributary of the Mackenzie River by oil prospectors because it goes dry at its mouth on July 1 or thereabouts each year.

Kindling a fire by plunging a stick into water was the unusual experience of members of the National Geographic Society in Katmai National Monument, Alaska. Natural steam issuing from a vent in the earth's surface had a temperature of 645 degrees centigrade. A stick thrust into this steam burst into flame immediately.

No food will be taken by Stefansson on his rush to the South Pole.

Jumping into a partly filled silo instead of using a ladder caused the death of a farmer living in Nebraska. He was overcome by gas and died before rescuers arrived.

Chamiza sage brush may be used successfully as cattle feed, according to the announcement of the New Mexico Agricultural College. This is of great importance to ranchers of the Southwest as it has been found that cattle will live in drouth periods when fed only on the plant. It is found in the foothills but will be transplanted to the plains districts. It is not fattening but stock will survive if they eat nothing but chamiza which is hardy.

Carrier pigeons will be used for disseminating news of the convention of the United Mine Workers of America in Indianapolis, September 20. In this manner miners in the fields will be informed of the convention proceedings.

Snapshots of Mars, as if the planet were but a mile and a half away, are promised in 1924 by an American scientist, collaborating with a prominent American astronomer. Professor Todd, astronomer, has found a mine shaft at Chanaral, Chile, the shaft of which will be used as the barrel of the telescope. Mars will be at its zenith over this shaft several times in 1924.

More garages than dwellings were built during 1920 in the United States.

The intelligence of a setter dog saved a French alpinist from certain death when he fell over a precipice, breaking his legs. Unable to move he wrote a message to his wife and fastened it to the dog's collar. The dog rushed home and six hours later help arrived, the dog leading the way.

"Court convenes at 9:30." This sign, conspicuously posted on several streets leading into Quincy, Massachusetts, is the police chief's warning to motorists of the danger of fast driving.

Welding cables on bridges three hundred feet above the ground is the work of a Jersey City woman. She is the mother of two children and earns \$30 a day at her work.

July, 1921, was the driest July experienced in England for more than 100 years.

Chloroform sprayed from atomizers is the latest development in chicken stealing. Chicken thieves near Chicago spray the interior of the chicken coops with the anesthetic and then enter and collect the dazed fowls. By this means they are able to operate on a large scale undisturbed.

Corn that grew in Tennessee possibly before Joseph put away his seven years' supply in Egypt, was unearthed recently by the Bureau of American Ethnology in Davidson County. The corn was found in stone slab graves and is the same type of Indian corn that occurs in the West Indies which leads the scientists to believe there was a very early communication between the West Indies and North America.

The richest phosphate fields in the world are owned by the United States. A new process of mining and manufacturing drives off the phosphoric acid where it is concentrated, saving millions of tons of phosphates which were previously wasted.

Alligators are protected by Louisiana.

The daughter of Charles Dickens placed in the British Museum documents with the instruction that they were not to be opened until 1925. Lord Haig has filed comments in the museum labeled, "Not to be opened before 1940."

Living in a copper horse is one way three Germans of Coblenz solved their housing problem until the city authorities caught them at it. They gained entrance to the inside of the giant figure of a horse bearing the statue of William I, by discovering a loose copper plate on one side. They had installed a bed and laid in a supply of choice wines and provisions.

Gondolas for the Thames is the plan of a London builder, who is making a fleet from real Venetian models.

Auto tubes dropped from an airplane saved the lives of three young women who were struggling in the surf at Hampton Beach, New Hampshire. Life guards were beaten back in their efforts to reach the bathers when the aviator and his mechanic flew over them and dropped the inflated tubes within reach. They clung to the tubes until the guards reached them.

Old army forts of no historic value are to be sold by the War Department.

Hot water gushed from a well driven near Sebring, Florida, and is coming to the surface at the rate of 40 gallons a minute. The flow has maintained an even temperature of 130 degrees and shows no signs of abating. This is the second hot water well brought in in Florida, one having been drilled at Pensacola about 20 years ago. The first well ceased to flow when the drill broke through rock and diverted the water into a subterranean lake.

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